

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from August 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 70,990

Current number of adults: 54,263

Current number of children: 134,924

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,092

Closures in August:

total closures: 4,297

closures for 18 month time limits: 199

closures for sanctions: 1,056

work-related sanctions: 984

other sanctions: 72

closures for employment: 800

Time limit closures since Families First started: 11,963

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,127

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$686.86

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.62

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.